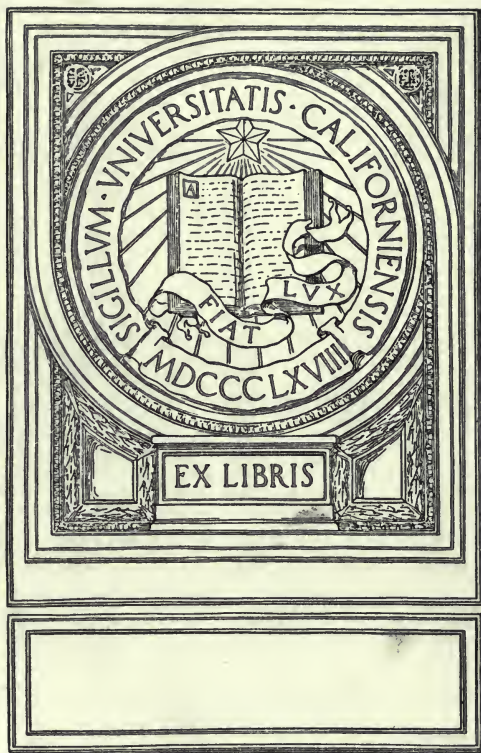
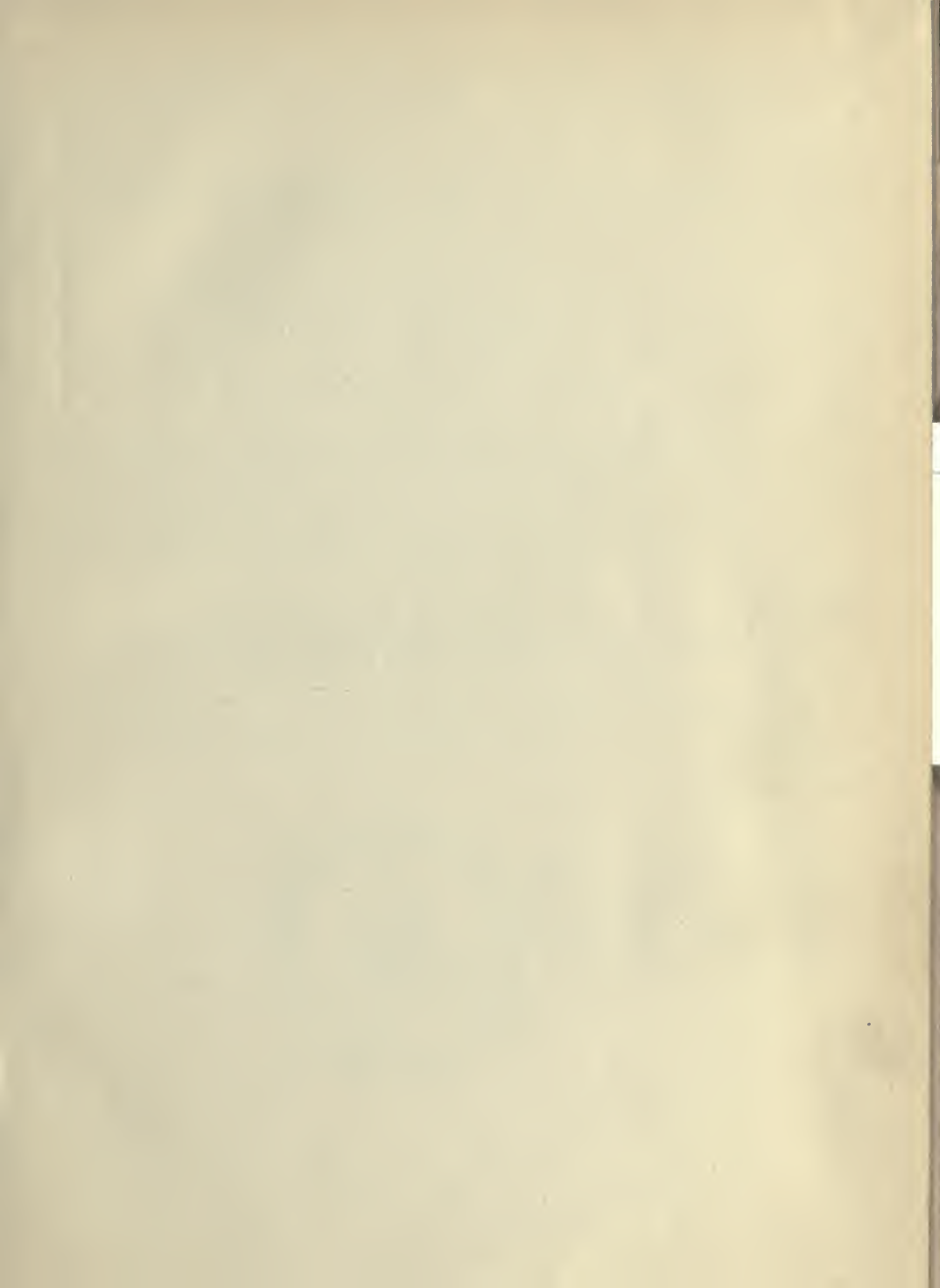


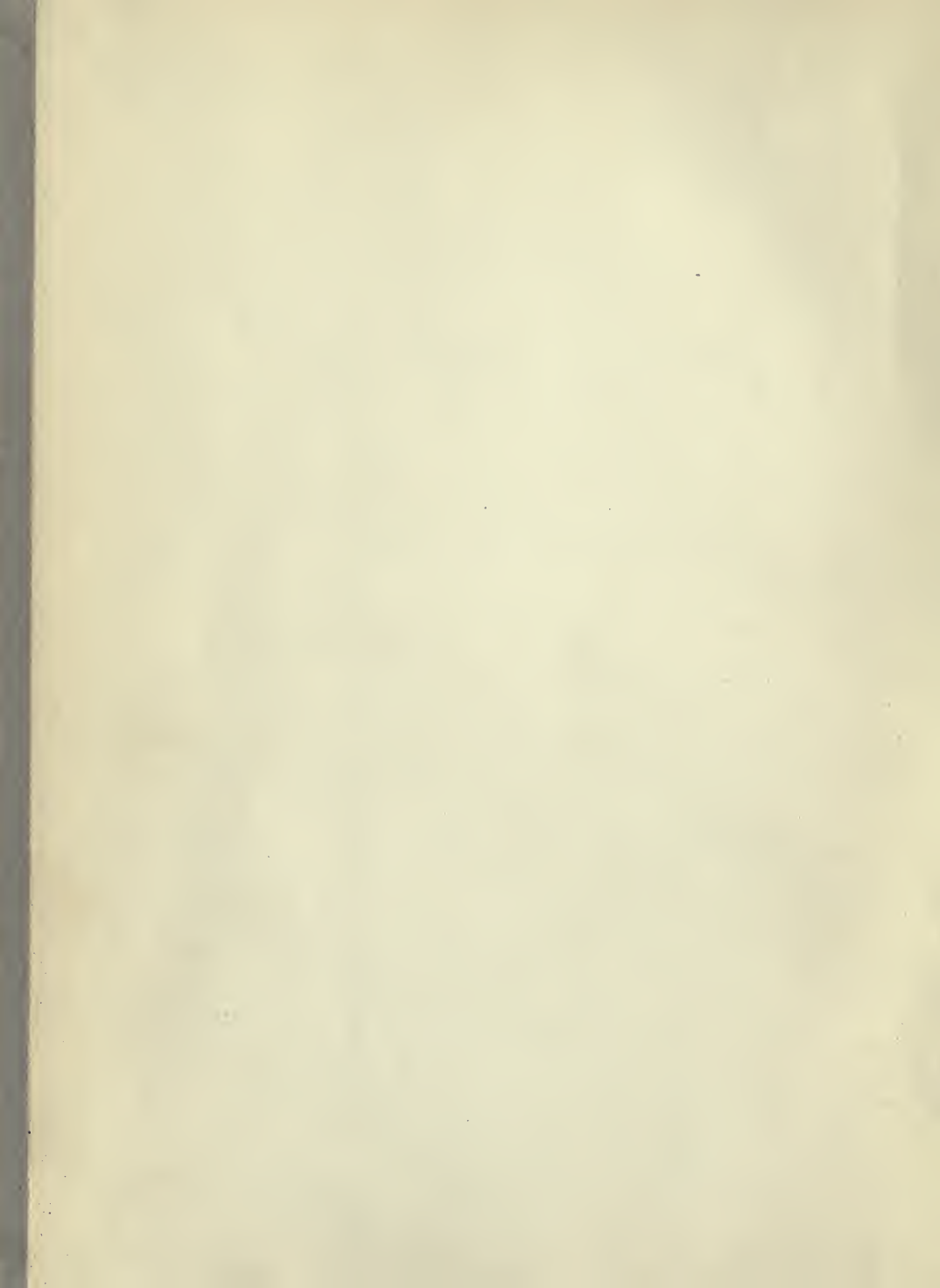
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OF
POPE INNOCENT VIII.

ON THE
MARRIAGE OF HENRY VII. WITH ELIZABETH OF YORK.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE following historical relic of typography may be worth preserving in "The Camden Miscellany." It clearly belongs to the early part of the reign of Henry VII. who was married to Elizabeth of York, on 18th Jan. 1485. It is the Bull of Pope Innocent VIII. approving that "matrimony and conjunction."

It is a folio broadside, and the oldest that has descended to our time : on this account, if on no other, it merits notice ; especially as it must have been printed by William Caxton, and is nowhere mentioned among the works from his press. The type is the same as that he employed for various well-known productions, and some misprints will be observed, such as "Duchre" for Duchie in the first paragraph, &c. It is given exactly as it stands in the original, even to the most minute observation of the points. In several instances the word "Pope" has been erased or defaced by some zealous reformer, into whose hands the document fell, perhaps fifty or sixty years after it was printed.

I met with it as the fly-leaf of an old book ; and various defects, indicated by brackets, have been caused by the fore-edge of the paper having been cut away as a little too

large for the purpose. In two other places the document is worm-eaten, and it must have been followed by something that has now been lost.

Among the fragments in Lambeth Library (as appears by the Rev. S. R. Maitland's excellent and most useful "Index" 8vo. 1845) is preserved a Bull by Pope Alexander, dated Non. Octobris, 1494, which recites that of Innocent VIII. in 1845. What follows is, however, the original. I apprehend that the Bull of Pope Alexander, like that of Pope Innocent, was obtained from the cover of some venerable volume, having been used as waste by the binder.

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Kensington, June, 1847.

P.S. Mr. J. G. Nichols has referred me to Rymer's *Fædera*, xii. 297, edit. 1727, where the Latin Bull is preserved at length. The main curiosity of that I send is the popular form in which it was printed and circulated in England—the earliest instance of the kind yet discovered.

BULL OF POPE INNOCENT VIII.

OUR holy fadre, the Pope Innocent the viij. To the ppetuall memory of this he [] to be hade, by his ppre mocion without pcurement of our soverayn lord the Kyng or other person for consernacyon of the vniuersal peas and eschewyng of Sklaundres, and to engendre the contrary of the same. Vnderstanding of the longe and greuous variaunce, contentions, and debates that hath ben in this Realme of Englonde betwene the house of the Duchre of Lancastre on the one party, And the house of the Duchre of Yorke on that other party. Wylling alle suche diuysions [] following to be put apart By the Counsell and consent of his College of Cardynalles approveth confirmyth and stablishyth the matrimonye and coniuncion made betwene our soūayn lord King Henre the seuenth of the house of Lancastre of that one party And the noble Princesse Elyzabeth of the house of Yorke of that other [party] with all thaire Issue lafully borne betwene the same

And in lyke wise his holines cōfermeth stablishith and aproueth the right and title to the Crowne of England of the sayde oure souerayn lorde Henry the seuenthe, and the heires of his body lafully begoten to hym [] pteynig aswel by reason of his nyghest and vndouted title of succession as by the right of his most noble [] and by eleccyon of the lordes spyrituales and temporales, and other nobles of his Realme and by the [] naunce and auctorite of parlyament made by the .iiij. states of this lande

Also our saide holy Fadre the Pope of hys propur mocyon by hyegh and holy commaundement [] requireth eũy inhabitant of this lande and euery subgiect in the same of what degree, state or condicion [] that non of theym by occasion of any successyon, or by any other coloure or cause within this Realme [by hym]selfe, or other mediate persones attempte, in worde, or dede ayenst the sayd oure souerayn lorde, or the [heires] of his body lawfully begoten, contrary to the peas of him and his Realme, vppon the payne of his grete curse [and Ana] theme, the whiche thay and euery of thaim that so attempteth, fallyth in forth right by that selfe dede done: the whiche curse and Anatheme noo hath power to assoyle thaym: but our holy Fadre him selfe [or his speci]all depute to the same

Forthermore he approueth confirmeth and declareth. That yf hit please god that the sayde Elizabeth whiche God forbede shulde decesse withoute Issue bytwene oure souerayn lorde and hir of thair bodyes borne than suche Issue as bytwene hym and hir whome after that God shall ioyne him to shalbe hade and borne [] heritours to the same croune and realme of Englande, Commaundyng that noo man attempte the [] the payne of his grete curse, whiche thay and euery of thaym soo doynge fallyth in, in the selfe dede done and may not be assoyled but by hym or his speciall depute to the same.

Ouer this the same our holy Fadre yeueth his blyssing to alle princes nobles and other inhabitants of this Realme or outwarde that fauoureth aydeth and assisteth the sayde our souerayne lorde and his heires [] or thaire rebelles, Yeuing thayme that dye in his and thair querrall full and plenarye Pardon, and [remissi]on of all thaire synnes.

Fynallyhe commaundeth alle Metropolitanes and Bisshopes vpon the payne of interdiccion of [] the Chirche Abbotes Prioures Archydecones Pareshpriestes Priores and wardeyns of the frerys and [other] men of the chirche Exempte and not Exempte opon payñ of his grete curse, whiche thay fallyth in [] it not to

denūce and declare or cause to be denūced and declared alle suche contrary doers and rebelles [] suche time as thay to the same in the name of the sayd ō soūayn Lorde shalbe requyred with aggraua[tion of the] same curse yf the case shall so require So that if thay for drede shall not moue to publisshe the same [] them lefull to curse their resistantis to the same and to oppresse them by power temporall, whiche [] calle for their assistance to the same in the sayde our holy fader's Name

And as touching the articles of this Bulle The Popys holines by this presente Bulle derog[] maketh voide all maner grauntes, Priueleges and Exempcions made by hym or hys predecessors [] ny persone or place where as they shulde or myghte be preiudiciall to the execucion of this presētis [] alle suche as expressly reuoked by thys same as though they were written worde by worde within the presentis Bulles as by hit ondre leyde here more largely doith apere



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